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John Polanowicz, Secretary
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
One Ashburton Place, Room 1109
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Dear Mr. Polanowicz:

We are pleased to enclose a copy of approved Massachusetts State Plan Amendment (SPA) No. 13-004 submitted to my office on March 28, 2013. This SPA was submitted to revise the description of rates of payments for hospice services to refer to the annually published CMS Medicaid hospice rates, rather than refer to the State regulation. This SPA has been approved effective January 1, 2013.

Changes are reflected on the following page of your approved State Plan:

- Attachment 4.19-B, page 3.1.

If you have any questions regarding this matter you may contact Julie McCarthy at (617) 565-1244 or by e-mail at Julie.McCarthy@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure/s

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